

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 27th October 2013

IRTS Website

There is a wealth of information and resources available on the IRTS website, www.irts.ie For example, under “Awards” – ‘Trophies and Cups’ – you can view awards to members as given annually at the IRTS AGM. There is also a search facility so that you can go back in time and trace some historical facts on award recipients. On the IRTS QSL Service you can find out how the ‘inwards’ and ‘outwards’ bureau operates and also find out which countries do not have a bureau.

Irish Amateur Television Club

The IATC welcome visitors to their website, www.iatc.ie Should any amateur radio operator have an ATV project they would like to be featured on the IATC website, details of how this can be achieved are available by visiting the above site.

The Dublin ATV repeater is running a test card on 2390.00Mhz. This frequency is just below the 2.4Ghz video senders section. All reports are welcome and should be sent to Tom, EI7HT at South Dublin Radio Club.

North Cork Radio Group

The North Cork Radio Group would like to congratulate all successful candidates that took the recent HAREC exam at Comreg offices on 10th October last.

One of the candidates was Jordan Cummins, who is a member of the Group and is the son of Lisa EI9GSB and Tony EI3GAB.

Jordan was one of the EI team who attended YOTA in Estonia in August. His interest grew majorly in the hobby as a result of the YOTA experience and he vowed at the venue that he would study for and sit the exam in October. He kept his word and put in many hours of study which resulted in him passing the exam, which he was notified of on 23rd Oct.

Not only did he pass the exam, but he has become Ireland's youngest operator did we mention Jordan is only 14!!

So thanks is in order to NCRG for the assistance, to the IRTS for their support in sending him to YOTA, to Ger McNamara for his help and encouragement throughout the activation and beyond, and finally to his family for all the assistance and study help he received, despite the tough aspects of the course.

Again, congrats to all candidates and we look forward to hearing new calls on the air soon.

EI6IJ Fund in support of Affiliated Clubs

Each year, in order to promote Amateur Radio to the public, the IRTS Committee will consider the awarding of a number of grants to Affiliated Clubs. Further information and terms and conditions are on the IRTS website at www.irts.ie/EI6IJ

Foyle & District ARC Rally

The Foyle & District ARC will hold their rally in the White Horse Hotel, 68 Clooney Road, Londonderry, Derry, BT47 3PA. Sunday 3rd November. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Trader access from 9:00. Tables at £5.00 each. All the usual traders in attendance, Special Interest Groups, New traders. Bring & Buy, Raffle. All usual hotel facilities, Licensed bar, Catering, Disabled access to rally and catering areas, free car parking. Contact Nigel Gamble GI7FJY

IPA Radio Club Contest

The International Police Association Radio Club (IPARC) invites all radio amateurs of the world to take part in the IPARC-Contest which takes place every year on the first weekend in November. Further details are available on www.iparc.de

DX News

Two Japanese stations will be operating from Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam early in November. Firstly from 1 – 9 November look for XV2CNH operated by JA6CNH. Then from 2 – 8 November XV2NHL will be operated by JA3NHL. QSLs in both cases go via the home calls.

The Austral Islands will be activated by K3EL and VE7DS from 30 October – 6 November. They will use the callsign TX5RV and be active mainly on CW. The IOTA

reference is OC-114. QSL Manager is M0URX.

A multi-national team will sign 5J0R from the San Andres Archipelago from 1 – 10 November. San Andres is a separate DXCC entity and is located in the Caribbean near Columbia. QSLs go via EA5RM.

SP5BTB is QRV from Sierra Leone as 9L1BTB until 10 November. He is operating from Freetown on 20m and 15m and QSLs go via the home call.

LVARs Annual Rally 2014

The Lagan Valley Amateur Radio Society annual rally will be held on Saturday, 1 March 2014 in the Village Centre, Ballynahinch Street, Hillsborough commencing at 11:30 a.m. All the usual traders are expected to attend. Car parking and refreshments available plus bring and buy, club stand and prize draw.

Details from Jim, G10DVU, telephone 04892662270 (From ROI) or 02892662270 (from UK)

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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